

AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
March 14, 2005, 6:00 p.m.

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Mayor Alice Dowdin presiding and City Clerk Joseph Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Kevin Hanley, Mike Holmes, Keith Nesbitt, Bob Snyder, Alice Dowdin

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Bob Richardson
City Attorney Charles Wachob
Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi
Public Works Director Charles Clark
Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor's Proclamation: Prevent Child Abuse Month, April 2005.

The Mayor congratulated all those who participated in the WAY TO COOL.

Mayor Dowdin also announced that Grayhound Lines will discontinue bus service to Auburn in April.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Sewer Connection at 890 Foresthill Avenue**

By **RESOLUTION** authorize sewer connection for 890 Foresthill Avenue.

2. **California Aid To Airports Program Grant No. PLA-1-04-2-Mat**

By **RESOLUTION** authorize the City Manager to execute California Aid to Airports Program Grant No. PLA-1-04-2-Mat.

3. **Application for Discretionary Pedestrian and Bicycle Funds for Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities at the Auburn School Park Preserve.**

By **RESOLUTION** authorize the Director of Public Works to submit and execute on behalf of the City of Auburn a claim for Pedestrian and Bicycle Funds in the amount of \$50,716 for pedestrian and bicycle facilities at the Auburn School Park Preserve.

*****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR*****

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/ Approved 5:0**

4. **Public Comment**

Council Member Holmes said the traffic signal at High Street and Auburn Folsom Road has not worked properly for the past year and a half.

Mayor Dowdin said she received feedback from the Native Sons who had concerns about the placement of the recycling receptacles. She thought they should be placed where they would be best utilized. She asked staff to look at this issue and place them where appropriate and to have them covered.

Council Member Holmes added that the receptacles were originally placed there by Auburn Placer Disposal for the Saturday Market Place. That location is well used as a collection point.

Council Members Snyder and Nesbitt agreed with the Mayor and said that the receptacles should be made more esthetically pleasing by either a screening or an enclosure.

Council Member Nesbitt said there needs to be a better public notification process when projects are brought before the Planning Commission and the Council.

Mayor Dowdin agreed with Mr. Nesbitt and added that she had asked staff to take a look at the process, specifically as it relates to rezoning and general plans. There should also be additional public noticing.

Council Member Snyder said he received complaints about the maintenance of the detention basin at Palm and Nevada Street.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Ordinance Amendment – Administration Fees for Animal Violations

Item Cancelled

6. Ordinance Amendment – Parking Restrictions – 1st Reading

Code Enforcement Officer Jennifer Solomon said this amendment separates large commercial vehicles from recreational vehicles. The 4-hour limit for recreational vehicles on a residential street would be extended to 24-hours for loading and unloading.

By **MOTION** approve the proposed **ORDINANCE** amendment extending parking on the city streets for recreational vehicles. Read by title only.

MOTION: Hanley/Nesbitt/ Approved 5:0

First reading by title only by City Attorney Charles Wachob.

7. Abandoned, Wrecked, Dismantled or Inoperative Vehicles - Definitions- 1st Reading

Code Enforcement Officer Jennifer Solomon said this amendment provides the definitions of Abandoned vehicle, Inoperative vehicle, Dismantled Vehicle and Nonoperational vehicle.

By **MOTION** approve the proposed **ORDINANCE** amendment regarding abandoned, inoperative, dismantled and non-operational vehicles. Read by title only. **MOTION: Hanley/ Holmes/Approved 5:0**

By **MOTION** amend the amendment to delete nonoperational vehicles.

MOTION: Snyder/Nesbitt/Motion failed by voice

First reading by title only by City Attorney Charles Wachob.

8. **Abandoned, Wrecked, Dismantled or Inoperative Vehicles – Penalty – 1st Reading**

Code Enforcement Officer Jennifer Solomon said the current ordinance does not have a specific penalty section outlining the consequences of maintaining an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle. This makes it difficult for the courts to pass sentence or for her to use as a motivational tool to gain compliance.

By **MOTION** approve the proposed **ORDINANCE** amendment regarding a penalty for violation of the Code Section for Abandoned, Wrecked, Dismantled or Inoperative Vehicles. Read by title only. **MOTION:**
Hanley/Nesbitt/ Approved 5:0

First reading by title only by City Attorney Charles Wachob.

REPORTS

8A. **Quarterly Reports from Committees and Commissions**

Telecommunications Commission. Chairman Glenn Tonkin spoke about the scheduling of the Cable Company system upgrade by neighborhood and the scheduling of the activation.

9. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Nesbitt said the Auburn Recreation District is moving aggressively on other parks and the ground breaking of the Doggie Park will take place on the 23rd.

Kevin Hanley reported that Sacramento and Auburn were both nominated for a clean air award.

Mike Holmes said the EDC will recommend to the Council that the City purchase ad pages in two tourist magazines.

Mayor Dowdin announced that the Auburn Endurance Capital of the World Committee will be having its first awards presentation Wednesday night.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

10. Library Services Additional Funding Request

City Manager Bob Richardson said that during the previous budget process the City made substantial cuts throughout the budget, including \$2,400 from the library. This year he expects the City will end the year well in the black. "Given that situation, we see virtually no financial impact for this request."

Council Member Hanley suggested that the library should be held accountable for how the money is spent.

Council Member Holmes said he strongly supports the library.

Council Member Snyder supports the idea of accountability. He would like to know what the overall budget is and what percentage of that does the \$12,000 represent. Where does the money come from and how does the County decide how much the library gets from the total budget. What impact does the Auburn contribution have?

Council Member Nesbitt said this is a really important time to support the library services. He would like to see a plan of specific use from the library and would approve a couple thousand dollars more if it looked like it was justified.

Mayor Dowdin recommended the allocation of \$2,400 with direction to the County to provide the Council with information for next year's budget. She would like an accounting on how the City's contributions are spent.

Council Member Snyder said he wants to hear a presentation from the library and will vote against the motion to fund at this time without the presentation.

By **RESOLUTION 05-30** increase funding to the Library Services account by \$2,400.00 and send a letter requesting a proposal for how the funds will be used in the coming year as well as how the County Facilities Fee has been allocated to the local library for the past three years and request that information no later than May 15 of this year. **MOTION: Holmes/ Nesbitt/ Approved 4:1/No: Snyder**

11. **Fees for Animal Violations**

Item continued at the request of the Mayor.

12. **Support for AB 84**

Mayor Dowdin said that our support will show the governor and the legislature our commitment to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy

By **RESOLUTION 05-31** support AB 84, which creates a voluntary source of revenue for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy through the sale of special license plates. **MOTION: Nesbitt/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

Adjournment at 7:58 p.m.

Alice Dowdin, Mayor

Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk